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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week with some caution noted. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, best where stores restocked following the holiday. Supplies were adequate to at times available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good with post holiday refill providing the best movement. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive while offerings continued tight to adequate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-125	118-123
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	78-82
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady with some caution noted. Demand into all outlets was light to good as stores restocked following good clearances over the holiday. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for reduced slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to at times good as post holiday refill orders were usually moving well. Food service movement was slow to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times more available for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive while offerings continued tight to adequate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123.5-132	125-128
LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
MEDIUM	99.5-108	101-104

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week, however some caution was noted. Demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to short supplies. Light type hens were about adequate for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120.25-130	124-127
LARGE	119.25-128	122-125
MEDIUM	97.5-105	98-102

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to instances good. Supplies were sufficient for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	133-137
LARGE	131-135
MEDIUM	108-112

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was in a full range. Supplies adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	123-129
LARGE	122-127
MEDIUM	101-108

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**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 12% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 114. No new ads noted in Northern California.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	162
EXTRA LARGE	161
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	134

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-359	JUMBO	299-369
EXTRA LARGE	289-349	EXTRA LARGE	279-369
LARGE	229-329	LARGE	259-349
MEDIUM	129-289	MEDIUM	219-299

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 05, 2003 will decrease by 22 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 28, 2003 were 304,349 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	261,950	42,399	304,349

	+12	-10	+8
% change from the			

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive while offerings continued tight to adequate. Some breakers were reporting increased graded loose offerings with few takers as prices were not shown at discounts to the current quoted market. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	86-90	88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	75-80	75

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-DEC-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.51

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced, but at desired volume. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-DEC-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.95

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 01, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	14.4	8.5	14.4	13.2	60.9
	Change	1.4	0.3	-0.8	2.3	1.7	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	60.7	16.4	26.9	38.7	166.8
	Change	1.8	15.2	2.0	7.9	4.7	23%
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	131.0	92.1	105.9	95.5	471.9
	Change	4.0	34.1	16.5	24.5	8.2	23%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.7	50.8	12.5	22.2	36.0	139.2
	Change	-11.1	10.6	-0.6	0.0	4.7	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	7.0	2.8	5.7	3.8	24.3
	Change	-0.7	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.0	16%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	25.2	12.1	14.8	7.4	65.7
	Change	1.6	6.2	2.4	2.2	0.5	24%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.7	47.0	24.3	39.2	31.1	166.3
	Change	10.0	17.3	4.6	15.9	3.7	45%
Total	Curr Wk	135.5	336.1	168.7	229.1	225.7	1095.1
Percent	Change	5%	34%	17%	31%	12%	22%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1095.1	22%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	216.0	24%	36

Total Shell Egg	1311.1	22%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 17, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							6.00	FUTURE LOADS							7.25	TOTAL LOADS						13.25
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	106.00	—	108.00	108.33	—	—	3.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.75						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	71.75	73.00	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25						
GL W XL	—	—	117.00	119.00	—	—	1.50															
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.75															
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	73.00	75.00	3.00															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/24/03-11/28/03

CURRENT LOADS				30.50				FUTURE LOADS				39.25				TOTAL LOADS				69.75			
		SE		NE		MW						SC		NW		MW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	104.00	111.60	107.83	108.50	—	112.00	23.00	GNR W 1	—	111.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	85.00	98.00	4.00	GL W J	106.50	—	—	—	—	—	113.50	1.00							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	71.75	73.00	1.00	GL W XL	117.50	112.00	—	—	—	—	115.11	7.00							
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	111.57	7.00							
GL W XL	—	118.71	117.00	119.90	108.14	116.00	28.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25							
GL W LG	—	118.70	—	115.00	104.53	121.00	16.75																
GL W MD	94.00	92.00	88.60	92.33	73.00	82.40	15.75																
GL W SM	—	—	60.00	61.25	60.00	62.00	2.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	111.00	1.00																
NRBS - 48	86.00	—	—	—	92.00	92.00	13.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	81.00	2.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/24/03	11/17/03	11/25/02
PACIFIC COAST	99	96	797
LOS ANGELES	51	51	747

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. The supply is tight to closely balanced to meet the moderate to good demand. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	139.63
LARGE	138.63
MEDIUM	115.63
SMALL	82.00

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/16/03-11/22/03

30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/09/03-11/15/03

30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 11/25/2003

Report Period: 11/16/2003 - 11/22/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	6,180	6,180
Arkansas	0	0	1,008	1,008
Colorado	0	0	2,004	2,004
Florida	0	0	1,630	1,630
Iowa	5,459	3,150	50,698	59,307
Maine	0	0	5,530	5,530
Minnesota	5,160	0	15,490	20,650
Missouri	0	0	4,815	4,815
Montana	0	0	861	861
Nevada	0	0	855	855
New Hampshire	0	0	920	920
New York	0	0	950	950
North Carolina	0	0	1,660	1,660
Ohio	0	0	1,651	1,651
Oregon	3,372	0	0	3,372
South Dakota	810	0	0	810
Texas	0	0	4,240	4,240
Utah	860	720	6,816	8,396
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,661</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>105,308</b>	<b>124,839</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>15,661</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>105,308</b>	<b>124,839</b>